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Mr. N. Roberts



Dear Mr. Roberts:


Thank you for your letter in which you mention your interest in languages. I find that when you know one language in any language group, it helps you to learn the others in the same group. It is much more difficult to move from one language group to the other (Germanic to Latin or Slavic groups).

I have found that listening as much as possible and memorizing phrases and words on cards as you indicate is an excellent method.

With every good wish for your success.

Faithfully,

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General ^{Walter} Walters:

I learned listening to Hearings on T.V. that you speak eight languages.

I am interested in learning more languages than one studied in college. I have worked on one other and find language to be not too difficult with a lot of study and notes.

However, can you give me any tips on how you studied language. Perhaps you have found a method for proceeding that facilitates speed. You must have -- to master eight.

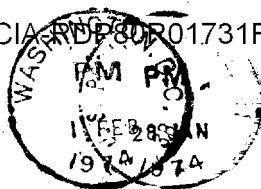
I use 3x5 3x5 cards for new words & phrases. It becomes rather unwieldy after a while.

Thanks for any light you may find time to shed on this matter; if you have the time.

Yours truly,
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